

## **Governor Beshear's Video Message**

I'm Steve Beshear, and this message is for each and every employee in the government of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

First, let me thank you for your service to the taxpayers of our State.

You no doubt have heard about our state's severe budget crisis. As Governor, my responsibility is to fix the problem. Yet each of us has a shared responsibility to do our part in getting Kentucky through these difficult times. When we do so, we will emerge stronger and better prepared for the future.

You also may know that at present, we must have budget cuts, which will lead to some painful sacrifices both in and out of government. However, whenever we can save money by doing things better, whenever we can be more innovative and efficient, then the pain will not be as great.

So I'm asking each and every one of you to assist in this process. I'm asking for your good ideas!

No idea is too big or too small. If it helps your department or agency become more economical, more innovative, more productive or more accountable, I want to hear about.

Among you are Democrats, Republicans, Independents. That doesn't matter. We are all Kentuckians and our goal is to ensure that we better serve the people of this state.

Today, this government does many fine things, but we can always do better -- sometimes much better. And, we must.

If you have a suggestion to save us money, be more efficient, be more productive, please let us hear from you. This is about getting results and preparing Kentucky to compete more effectively in the global economy.

We are looking long and hard at every cost saving measure we can think of. But, I'm sure there are things we haven't thought about and you just might do so.

On this web page is a link where you can send your ideas. I'm confident that we will all rise to this challenge, especially if we work together.

I appreciate this opportunity to speak to you, and I sincerely thank you for listening.

Please, put your minds to work!